



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD NOTES

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FINAL APPROVAL GIVEN TO 703 KAR 5:020, THE FORMULA FOR DETERMINING SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

At its December 6-7 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education gave final approval to 703 KAR 5:020, The formula for determining school accountability. Major changes that will affect the accountability system include:

- For 2006-07, an ACT index at the high school level will be computed from the results of PLAN to compose 5% of high school accountability.
- In 2007-08, the ACT will be administered to all grade 11 students statewide along with a complete Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT). The ACT results will be studied and analyzed. The academic index will be based on KCCT items. An ACT index will continue to compose 5% of high school accountability; however, it will be computed from both PLAN and ACT.
- For 2008-09, the ACT will continue to be administered to all grade 11 students statewide and augmented with KCCT items. A Kentucky scale combining ACT/KCCT items to be used in calculating an academic index for accountability will be applied in 2008-09 and from that point forward. The ACT index, computed from PLAN and ACT, will continue to count 5% of high school accountability in 2008-09 and in the future.

- For state-required high school assessments administered in the fall, schools shall be held accountable based on students who have been enrolled for a full academic year in the prior school year. (Begins 2006-07)
- The weights for KCCT reading and mathematics will be increased to 22% for both subjects at the elementary level and 19% for both subjects at the middle school level (Begins in 2006-07)
- Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff will work with vendors and the National Technical Advisory Panel on Assessment and Accountability to resolve technical issues and create a growth measure that may be included in accountability in the future.
- Beginning in 2006-07, at the elementary level, districts shall identify a grade level, select a norm-referenced test (NRT) from a KDE approved list, and administer the reading and mathematics components. School and district results shall be publicly reported and individual student results communicated to parents for this elementary NRT plus EXPLORE at grade 8, PLAN at grade 10 and beginning in 2007-08, ACT at grade 11 and WorkKeys as an optional test at grades 10, 11 or 12. The KDE will provide districts with a per pupil allocation to support the purchase of the elementary level NRT.
- Nonacademic index calculations will include:
 - The values for attendance rate will be the actual percentage reported in Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for each school and district. (Begins 2006-07)
 - The values entered into the formula calculations for retention rate at elementary and middle school and dropout rate at middle school shall be 100 minus the actual percentage calculated. (Begins 2006-07)
 - Beginning in 2008-09, graduation rate at the high school level shall be used for retention and dropout calculations and shall be calculated as required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Kentucky values shall be added to the graduation rate as follows:
 - students receiving Certificates of Attainment (1 point)
 - students graduating by age 21 (1 point)
 - students completing a secondary GED (.50 point)
 - students graduating in three years or less as defined in the student's Individual Learning Plan (.50 point) for a total of 1.5 points
 - High school nonacademic data shall include transition to adult life data and beginning in 2008-09, the values for transition to adult life shall be based on those graduates who:

- complete an Individual Learning Plan (ILP);
 - meet or exceed the ACT benchmarks set by the Council on Postsecondary Education;
 - indicate a workforce or military career path on their ILP and earn a silver level Kentucky Employability Certificate; or
 - meet or exceed the transition criteria for the Kentucky Certificate of Attainment, divided by twice the number of graduates.
- A bonus point shall be added to the transition to adult life calculation for each graduate who:
 - passes three Advanced Placement exams with scores of three or greater
 - receives an International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - receives a Commonwealth Diploma
 - receives a National Merit Finalist designation
 - has an ILP that indicates a workforce or military career path and who earns a gold level Kentucky Employability Certificate, a Kentucky Occupational Skill Standards Certificate or national industry certification.
 - Bonus points shall be added to the base transition to adult life calculation and capped at 100.

A public hearing will be conducted on the regulation on January 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the State Board Room, 1st Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. Written comments on the regulation will be accepted until January 31, 2007 at the address below. If a person wishes to speak at the hearing, contact Kevin M. Noland, Office of Legal Services, 1st Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky, or by phone at (502) 564-4474 or fax at (502) 564-9321 in writing five working days prior to the hearing.

Following the public hearing any comments will come back to the Board at the February meeting and members will have the opportunity to decide if further changes are necessary. After that, the regulation will proceed through the legislative committee review process.

For more information on the content of the regulation, contact Pam Rogers at (502) 564-2256 or via email at Pamela.Rogers@education.ky.gov.

HENRY VOGT HEUSER, JR. IS RECIPIENT OF JOSEPH W. KELLY AWARD

At the December meeting, Henry Vogt Heuser, Jr. of Louisville was presented with the Joseph W. Kelly Award. This award is conferred annually on a businessperson or an organization that has offered outstanding leadership and service toward promoting school improvement and equity of educational opportunity for Kentucky's children at the school, community, and/or state levels. Mr. Heuser is CEO and President of UniStar/Vogt. He has served many years on the board of the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation, which is designed to engage in activities that advance education through support of the district. Heuser's accomplishments include:

- Personally contributing \$250,000 to fund the first executive director's position for the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation.
- Encouraging and directing his father to endow a perpetual scholarship fund in 1999 that annually provides \$10,000 college scholarships to outstanding Jefferson County high school seniors.
- Raising \$1,047,000 for the Every 1 Reads project to ensure that within four years, every student can read at, or above grade level.
- Serving as a volunteer mentor with the Every 1 Reads project and recruiting over 80 other volunteers for the project.

Mr. Heuser was nominated by Jefferson County Superintendent Stephen Daeschner.

For more information on the award, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

BOARD APPROVES LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Kentucky Board of Education gave approval to its legislative agenda for the 2007 General Assembly session. The following proposals were approved:

- Principal Selection –
 - Require the school council to select a principal from among multiple candidates recommended by the superintendent
 - Expand the criteria for low-performing schools (beyond Level 3 for two successive biennia) for which either the superintendent or the highly skilled educator would select the principal
- Nonresident Student Options –
 - Provide grounds for appealing nonresident student agreements to the Commissioner and Kentucky Board of Education
 - Request LRC to conduct a study considering all factors relative to nonresident student/county and independent districts that would lead to recommendations for a long-term solution
- Prevailing Wage –
 - Suspend the prevailing wage requirement for school construction for three years to study the impact so that a more accurate determination can be made about the impact of the prevailing wage law

- Seek changes to make the prevailing wage more representative of the region's actual wages
- SEEK –
 - Pursue a technical amendment to the definition of assessment to define assessment as “accessible” assessment
- School Facilities –
 - Use of Restricted Funds; Capital Outlay and FSPK
 - Capital Outlay may be used for Tier 2B Maintenance with KDE approval (replacement of components of a useful system that is expected to operate for at least three more years).
 - Capital Outlay and FSPK may be used for Tier 3 Capital Replacement (one major building system).
 - Upon approval of the Commissioner, Capital Outlay may be used for maintenance without forfeiting the district's participation in SFCC. Maintenance does not include property insurance.
 - Allow land for new schools or modifications to existing schools to be purchased with restricted cash for projects noted on the District Facility Plan for use in the next eight years. Land will not be counted in the calculation of need.
 - Taxing Authority
 - KRS 157.621 would be amended to remove the sunset provision of the growth nickel.
 - KRS 160.470 would be amended to provide that no local board of education shall have to levy a tax rate lower than the rate set by the board in the previous year.
 - Increase 5 cent FSPK to 10 cents and provide equalization. Require all districts to levy this. Those already levying 10 cents would be authorized to levy another nickel, but would not be required to do this. The recallable nickel and EFF funding programs would become a part of FSPK. No district shall have to lower its tax levy for facilities.
 - Process
 - Change the date of KDE's needs determination from October 15 to December 15.
 - The calculation of local available revenue should be revised to use debt service that will be available in the future instead of a “snap shot”.

- Support for SFCC Statutory Changes
 - Provide a statutory program for targeted funding.
 - Provide that the SFCC consider additional factors when awarding targeted funding.
 - Allow SFCC funding for Priorities 1 and 2 regardless of the order in which projects are undertaken.
 - SFCC escrow requirements would be revised to eliminate the escrow balances in capital outlay and FSPK as of June 30 each year.

For more information on the legislative agenda, contact Bonnie Brinly at (502) 564-4473 or via email at Bonnie.Brinly@education.ky.gov.

SEARCH FIRM SELECTED TO ASSIST IN HIRING THE NEXT COMMISSIONER

On December 7, the Kentucky Board of Education chose Ray and Associates from Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the firm to assist it in finding the next commissioner of education. This search firm is nationally known and has over 30 years of experience in educational searches.

On January 10, Ray and Associates will meet with the full Board to determine the selection criteria for the commissioner. The firm will also meet with the Board's Search Committee to define the elements of the search process.

Input on the characteristics needed by the next commissioner can be given online at www.education.ky.gov.

For more information on the search process, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 6-7 MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the October 4-5, 2006, and November 1, 2006 meetings
- Prater Borders Elementary School (Magoffin County) request for school-based decision making exemption
- District facility plan: Bowling Green Independent
- District facility plan amendment: Shelby County
- 2006-07 Local district working budgets
- 2006-07 Local district tax rates levied

ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Dropout Prevention and Persistence to Graduation
- Annual report from KET on joint KDE/KET efforts
- Update on initiatives related to alternative education

- Interagency Task Force on Dual Credit
- Update on mathematics initiatives from the Kentucky Department of Education
- 701 KAR 5:110, Use of local monies to reduce unmet technology need
- Annual Report from KHSAA as required by 702 KAR 7:065
- KHSAA Title IX update on Phase 2 of the 2006-07 KHSAA Audit Visit Schedule
- Kentucky Center for School Safety Update
- KDE Employment Report

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2007 AND 2008

KBE MEETING DATES 2007

<u>2007</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 10, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 7-8, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 7, 2007	Regular meeting	Carter Caves State Park
April 4-5, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 9-10, 2007	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Available hotel, Bowling Green or Barren River State Park
June 13-14, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 11, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 8-9, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 5, 2007	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Louisville
October 3-4, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 14, 2007	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Florence
December 6-7, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE MEETING DATES 2008

<u>2008</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 9, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Richmond
April 2-3, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 7-8, 2008	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville or Lake Barkley Lodge
June 11-12, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 9, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 10, 2008	Regular meeting	Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin
October 1-2, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Rough River State Park, Falls of Rough
December 10-11, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For questions on the above schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller or Susan Palmer at 502-564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov or Susan.Palmer@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the December 6-7, 2006, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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